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Via Email

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Re: Response to Your Request for Information from the DAO

Dear Mr. Knox:

Thank you for writing the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office (DAO) to request information. You requested:

A copy of all emails, memorandums, reports, and internal communications produced by, or sent to, DA Larry Krasner's office regarding death row inmate Mumia Abu Jamal, who was convicted of murdering a Philadelphia police officer in 1982, and whose case has recently been cleared for appeal at a higher court by Philly DA Larry Krasner:
https://www.philly.com/news/mumia-abu-jamal-appeal-larry-krasner-withdraw-pennsylvania-supreme-court-20190417.html?fbclid=IwAR2lS_g2IZEyWRDuNfek0Fn9_0_rMK5OPitkfAFrfR2IxigNxo_tdrNnKSw

Please limit your search to documents produced between 2016-2019. If it helps to narrow your search, you may limit it to the following keywords: "Mumia Abu-Jamal," "cop killer," "appeal," "Ronald Castille," "Judge Leon Tucker," "Daniel Faulkner," "Maureen Faulkner," and "Judith Ritter."

This letter serves as an acknowledgement of receipt of your request and notice of the DAO's Right-to-Know-Law Policy.

Written requests for records from state and local agencies in Pennsylvania are generally governed by Pennsylvania's Right-to-Know Law (RTKL), 65 P.S. §§ 67.101-67.3104. Pursuant to the RTKL, the DAO has established a Right-to-Know-Law Policy, which requires that the statewide standard Right-to-Know Request Form be used to submit written requests pursuant to the RTKL. *See* 65 P.S. § 67.504(a); *Dekok v. Lancaster County*, AP 2010-1197, 2011 WL 382831 at *2 (Pa. O.O.R. Jan. 17, 2011) (holding that agency may adopt policy requiring use of standard form in order to file RTKL request). As your request was not submitted on or with the statewide standard form, the DAO does not consider your request to be submitted pursuant to the RTKL and will process it as an informal request.

You do not have to resubmit your request for the DAO to respond unless you are specifically informed otherwise.¹ The DAO is continuing to process your request as an informal request outside the RTKL and will respond to your request.

If you would like to file a RTKL request in accordance with the DAO's Right-to-Know-Law Policy, please submit your request on or with the statewide standard form, and address your request to the DAO open records officer. **Please include this notice with your RTKL request.** If you resubmit your request as a formal RTKL request the DAO will deem your informal request to have been withdrawn.

The DAO's Right-to-Know-Law Policy and a link to the standard form can be found here:

<http://www.phila.gov/districtattorney/aboutus/Pages/RightToKnow.aspx>.

If you require a hard copy of the form and/or policy, please let me know and one will be provided.

The DAO reserves the right to assert any and all grounds for denial in its final response to your request.

Sincerely,

/s/ Douglas Weck

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¹ The DAO reserves the right to require a formal RTKL request before releasing records.